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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 09/774,990
Technology Center 2600

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Before Deborah L. Perry, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Review Team.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 31, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, EVIDENCE RELIED UPON

Section §1207.02 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*

(MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 6, September 2007) states:

(A) CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER. The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, in the order indicated, the following items:

. . . .

- (8) Evidence Relied Upon. A listing of the evidence relied on (e.g., patents, publications, admitted prior art), and in the case of nonpatent references, the relevant page or pages.

The Examiner's Answer mailed March 31, 2009, is deficient because the "Evidence Relied Upon" section fails to include the reference Applicant Admitted Prior Art Fig. 1, cited on page 2 of the Examiner's Answer's grounds of rejection for claims 1-20 under 35 USC § 103(a).

Appropriate correction is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) issue a PTO-90 citing the missing reference listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8); and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the
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